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BARBADOS

PRIME MINISTER'S ASSAILANT SENT TO PSYCHIATRIC CENTER

Havana PRELA in Spanish 1545 GMT 28 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Georgetown, 28 Apr (PL)--A man who attacked Barbados' Prime Minister Tom Adams was sent to a psychiatric center to await trial.

According to radio reports received here, the man was identified as Trevor Eastmond, 23, a former public employee.

The incident took place on Wednesday night as the prime minister was on his way to parliament to present the 1979 national budget.

Eastmond, who was carrying a bottle of gasoline, suddenly jumped on Adams who defended himself until the police arrived.

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'VERDE OLIVO' FLAYS U.S. 'INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY'

Havana PRELA in Spanish 1953 GMT 2 May 79 PA

[Text] Havana, 2 May (PL)--In its latest issue, the magazine VERDE OLIVO denounces the activities of the so-called U.S. intelligence community, particularly those conducted by the CIA.

U.S. sources have reported that that "community" is made up of a total of 153,250 persons and that it has an annual budget of \$6.228 trillion [as received].

The CIA alone employs some 20,000 persons and spends an estimated \$800 million per year, the magazine states.

One can easily surmise, it states, that these figures do not include the thousands of secret agents, mercenaries, informers, officials of "proprietary organizations" and others.

The publication states that, upon becoming the center of worldwide imperialism, the United States created the CIA to protect its interests and further its plans for the political and economic domination of the world, with no limitations on methods or expense.

The magazine also denounces the CIA's links to gangsters for the purpose of assassinating leaders in various countries, including the United States itself. As an example, it points to the attempts on the life of Cuban President Fidel Castro.

VERDE OLIVO claims that the CIA utilizes institutions such as the Agency for International Development (AID) for training in police work, repression and torture and the so-called special operations division for executing armed operations.

In tandem with its subversive activities, the magazine says, the agency is becoming increasingly active in the ideological sphere.

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The very detailed commentary denounces CIA recruiting efforts in U.S. student institutions, universities and other centers of study.

The continued and [accentuated] development of the revolutionary movement demonstrates the vulnerability of the U.S. Government's apparatus of espionage and subversion, which is doing everything possible to halt that [revolutionary] process, VERDE OLIVO says in conclusion.

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'PRELA' ANALYZES U.S. COMMERCE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO CHINA

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[PRENSA LATINA Special Feature by Joaquin Crespo Daga: "United States-China: Something More Than a Trip"]

[Text] The United States is getting ready to eliminate the last obstacles to its growing ties with China in view of the coincidence of strategic interests resulting from a common global policy between the governments of those two countries. This view, which was aired in the U.S. press months ago, acquires importance with the report in Washington that Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps will leave for Beijing on 4 May for a 2-week visit whose objectives go beyond economic interests and are based on political motives.

Kreps' trip follows the one made by U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal at the time that the Chinese aggression against Vietnam provoked worldwide condemnation. The decision to send Blumenthal was confirmed by President James Carter despite the fact that Chinese troops had been committing all kinds of atrocities in Vietnamese territory during the previous 2 weeks. The gesture was interpreted as a sign of White House support since the presence of the U.S. official in Beijing sought to smooth the formal road to broad financial operations.

In an interview with the U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, Kreps explained some points on her agenda, which includes the possibility of granting China 'most favored nation' treatment in order to remove all obstacles for U.S. transnationals. Following the Chinese leadership's intensification of attacks on the socialist countries and progressive and revolutionary movements at the beginning of this decade, Chinese-U.S. trade, which in 1971 hardly amounted to some \$300 million, has risen this year to almost \$2 billion, according to the latest estimates.

Kreps' agenda also includes plans for a new trade agreement with China with the emphasis on industrial fields in which China is interested because they favor increased military potential. The U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT admits that the agreement creates bases for bilateral trade to reach \$5 billion a year in 1985 and foresees the export of U.S. technology

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For mining, installations for producing steel, petroleum, airplane parts and other fields of activity easily adapted to the Chinese arms industry.

The official said that agreements already exist for the construction of hotels in China. Among the firms, the U.S. press mentioned the Hilton chain, a consortium which controls gambling in installations on the U.S. Pacific Coast under a cover of tourism.

The main question that emerges is how China will pay for the credits and installations supplied by the United States in view of the Asian country's economic insufficiency. Kreps insisted that U.S. firms will buy from China products developed with U.S. technology such as nonferrous metals, tin, zinc or aluminum. But even the revenue from those resources, including petroleum, covers hardly a fifth of the amount [words indistinct] in the agreement.

The commerce secretary indicated that there are also plans to develop joint Chinese-U.S. enterprises as well as to grant more credits to China. She said that legislative restrictions are being abrogated by the U.S. Congress.

Representative Jim Lloyd, who has just visited China as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, on his return expressed support for the sale of military materiel to Beijing. Congressman Melvin Price headed the group which visited China.

Some observers have noted that the White House maintained the attitude of an accomplice in the face of the announcement of the aggression against Vietnam made by Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping during his visit to Washington in January. President Carter's reply to the expansionism announced by Deng was the signing of an agreement which in practice facilitates U.S. technology to Beijing in areas such as industry and energy which can be used in warmongering plans.

The Chinese leaders, wallowing in the discredit and defeat of their aggression, have intensified their threats against the Lao People's Democratic Republic and are trying to elude the peace proposals of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The tension produced by China's warmongering and antipeace policy was praised by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who is making a "private" visit to China that will conclude on 2 May. The former aide of Nixon and Ford participated in Tokyo sessions of the so-called tri-lateral commission which groups the main transnational companies of Europe, Japan and the United States. Those same U.S. interests which Kissinger represented in the Japanese capital are the ones which now hope that Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps' trip will bring about significant political concessions on the part of China.

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BOHEMIA' SEES CAPITALIST GREED CAUSING NUCLEAR REACTOR ACCIDENT

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[Text] Havana, 12 Apr (PL)--The spectre of the capitalist system looms behind the accident which occurred at the Three Mile Island thermonuclear plant and others in which the people are the only victims, the magazine BOHEMIA states.

In a five-page commentary entitled "A Mausoleum of Irresponsibility," the magazine states that the plant, (?plagued) by deficient design and serious construction defects, is a good example of the possible consequences of a blind search for profits. The accident, it adds, will leave its mark on the United States and other capitalist countries which insist upon operating nuclear equipment that does not meet minimum safety standards.

The magazine charges that the electrical companies try to use nuclear energy to produce the greatest possible amount of electricity, even at the risk of causing a disaster. It adds that the Three Mile Island accident also serves to show how the information received by U.S. citizens is manipulated. First, the magazine says, there was silence, then a played-down report, and then panic, the evacuation of over 50,000 persons and the exodus of another 200,000.

BOHEMIA interviewed Roland Page, assistant press secretary of the Governor of Pennsylvania, by telephone about the accident. Page said that although the immediate danger is past, it will be necessary to continue releasing vapor from water contaminated with radiation into the atmosphere "in a controlled manner" for several days.

Page said that the governor's recommendation that pregnant women and children under 5 years of age remain at least 8 km outside the affected area still stands. Page also expressed the opinion that the accident has had serious consequences on the region's economy.

BOHEMIA also questioned Raimundo Franco Parellada, director of the Cuban Nuclear Research Institute, about the Pennsylvania disaster. Parellada said that

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the accident reveals the lack of control over the reactor-manufacturing industry in the United States. He said that Soviet reactors used for the commercial production of energy have never had problems because they have a much more reliable design than those in the United States. He emphasized that the engineers [words indistinct] in safety measures, although this increases the initial investment.

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